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MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Child Nutrition Program Sponsors

**From:** Lynne Dulin, Director  
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**RE:** Update on Reauthorization 2003

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Approximately every four years, Congress reauthorizes the Child Nutrition Programs under 7CFR, Section 210-299. Reauthorization is the process of proposing ideas to Congress that will improve the school nutrition programs.

Reauthorization is currently in progress this year. The current legislation is set to expire on September 30, 2003 and the proposed legislation will be finalized soon after. Several bills that have been introduced to Congress that affect Child Nutrition Programs are described below.

This memo serves to provide all CNP sponsors with an overview of the legislative process and status of the current bills related to Child Nutrition Programs.

**Overview of the Legislative Process:**

1. USDA prepares legislation that meets the administration's policy goals.
2. Congress is asked to introduce this proposed legislation on behalf of the administration.
3. When Congress introduces a bill, he or she will talk with other members to receive their support in introducing the legislation.

4. Once the bill is introduced to the House of Representatives or in the Senate, the bill is referred to the committee (Committee on Education and the Workforce) that has jurisdiction over child nutrition programs.
5. The committee members and their staff then review the draft legislation.
6. Committees then have the opportunity to discuss, amend, and vote on the legislation.
7. In the House of Representative the bill may go through additional amendments. Once the committee is in agreement the bill is referred to the House floor.
8. In the Senate, the bill is placed on the agenda, discussed and voted on.
9. The Senate and House may discuss the bill and once the final version is agreed upon, the bill is sent to the president to sign or veto.

**REAUTHORIZATION 2003  
PROPOSED LEGISLATION THAT AFFECTS  
CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS**

BILL #	BILL TITLE	BILL SUMMARY	CURRENT STATUS
<b>S. 506</b>	Safe School Food Act of 2003	A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to ensure the safety of meals served under the school lunch program and the school breakfast program	3/4/03 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions.
<b>S. 995</b>	Child Nutrition Initiatives Act of 2003	Includes provisions to reinstate funding for the Nutritional Education and Training (NET) Program, to secure funding for the successful WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program, to update the all-state minimum that guarantees all states a minimum amount of federal child nutrition funding, and to create a new farm-to-cafeteria program to supply locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables to school cafeterias.	5/5/03 Referred to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
<b>S. 996</b>	Commodity Distribution Act of 2003	To ensure an adequate level of commodity purchases under the school lunch program.	5/6/03 Referred to Senate Committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
<b>S. 1007</b>	Better Nutrition for School Children Act of 2003	The bill as introduced would allow the Agriculture Secretary to more broadly regulate sales of FMNVs throughout school grounds until the end of the school lunch period.	5/6/03 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
<b>S. 1020</b>	School Breakfast Improvement Act of 2003	Start Up and expansion grants for school breakfast programs, commodity assistance for school breakfast programs and universal school breakfast pilot projects.	5/7/03 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
<b>S. 1021</b>	Summer Food Service Program	Changes area eligibility for Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) and provides for	5/7/03 Referred to the Committee on

	Improvement Act of 2003	start-up grants for SFSP.	Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
<b>S. 1172</b>	IMPACT Act	A bill to establish grants to provide health services for improved nutrition, increased activity, obesity prevention, and for other purposes.	6/3/03 Referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
<b>S. 1367</b>	The Child Nutrition Improvement Act of 2003	Provides incentives to schools to encourage the consumption of milk as part of the school lunch program. Amends the National School Lunch Act to establish programs to promote increased consumption of milk in schools and to improve the nutrition and health of children.	6/26/03 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
<b>S. 1392</b>	Healthy School Nutrition Environment	The bill would provide approximately \$10 to \$35 million per year in grants for schools to develop "healthy school nutrition environments." The bill also extends more authority to the Secretary of Agriculture over food in the entire school environment.	7/10/03 Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
<b>S. 1549</b>	Free Lunches and Breakfasts Eligibility	This bill would make free school meals available to all children from households with income below 185 % of the poverty line. This would eliminate the reduced price meal category within the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.	7/31/03 Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
<b>H.R. 1551</b>	Safe School Food Act	Same as <b>S. 506</b> .	5/2/03 Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform
<b>H.R. 2210</b>	School Readiness Act of 2003	Reauthorizes Head Start Act to improve the school readiness of disadvantaged children.	6/3/03 House committee/subcommittee actions. Status: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
<b>H.R. 2225</b>	Healthy Foods and Beverages in Schools	To authorize the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to make grants to local educational agencies to support the purchase or lease and use of vending machines that offer for sale healthy foods and beverages in schools	06/02/03 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. 06/20/03 Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.
<b>H.R. 2227</b>	Obesity Prevention Act	To encourage innovative school-based activities to help reduce and prevent obesity among children and for other purposes.	06/11/03 Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. 06/30/03 Referred to the Subcommittee on Education Reform.

**The Arizona Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs will update all  
CNP sponsors of any changes that may occur due to Reauthorization 2003.**

For more information on legislation and reauthorization visit:

ASFSA's website <http://capwiz.com/asfsa/issues/>

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